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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO CARTERPURI

REF: STATE 41259

1. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GOHEEN VISITED VILLAGE OF CARTERPURI (STILL OFFICIALLY NAMED DAULATPUR-NASIRABAD) ON THURSDAY MORNING MARCH 9, TO DELIVER LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO VILLAGE HEADMAN BUP SINGH YADAV AND TO PRESENT ALBUM OF WHITE HOUSE AND USIS PHOTOS OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST OCCASION WAS ORGANIZED BY DISTRICT OFFICIALS SO AS TO MAXIMIZE EXPOSURE OF AMBASSADOR TO VILLAGE AND VILLAGERS.

2. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GOHEEN ARRIVED IN VILLAGE AT 10:00 A.M. AND WERE MET AT SCHOOL BUILDING BY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR GURGAON DISTRICT NASIR AHMED AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF DISTRICT AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT STAFF. ALSO PRESENT WERE TIME, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AP AND UPI CORRESPONDENTS.

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3. AFTER INSPECTING INSTALLATION AT SCHOOL OF SLIDE VIEWER GIFTED BY PRESIDENT, PARTY PROCEEDED TO PANCHAYAT HALL WHERE LARGE, FRIENDLY CROWD OF VILLAGERS AWAITED. INSIDE HALL AMBASSADOR PRESENTED PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND PHOTO ALBUM TO MR. YADAV WHO THEN THANKED PRESIDENT CARTER THROUGH AMBASSADOR FOR HIS LETTER, ALBUM AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN VILLAGE. AMBASSADOR SPOKE BRIEFLY,

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR WARM WELCOME AND REITERATING
PRESIDENT'S GRATITUDE FOR OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT
VILLAGE. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TRANSLATED AMBASSADOR'S
REMARKS AND DESCRIBED EFFORTS TO HELP VILLAGE SINCE THE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

4. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GOHEEN WERE THEN TAKEN AROUND
THE VILLAGE AND SHOWN FERTILIZER OUTLET, MILK
COLLECTION CENTER, BIOGAS PLANT AND POULTRY UNIT.
AMBASSADOR HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS AND
VILLAGERS ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF VILLAGE LIFE.
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GOHEEN DEPARTED CARTERPURI AT ABOUT
11:00 A.M.

5. ALTHOUGH THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT WAS NOT ANNOUNCED TO
THE INDIAN PRESS BEFOREHAND, IT WAS REPORTED IN TWO
COLUMN STORIES ON INSIDE PAGES OF BOTH THE
TIMES OF INDIA AND INDIAN EXPRESS. USING SIMILAR
HEADLINES ("CARTER'S KEEN INTEREST IN CARTERPURI"---TIMES
OF INDIA, AND "CARTER'S INTEREST IN GURGAON
VILLAGE"---INDIAN EXPRESS), BOTH NEWSPAPERS ACCOMPANIED
THE STORIES WITH THREE-COLUMN PHOTOGRAPHS.

6. THE STORIES WERE WRITTEN BY THE SAME STRINGER AND
VIEWED THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GOHEEN AS
INDICATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN
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